

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2004**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
ONE CIVIC CENTER
7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251**

Present: Vice-Chair Brian Davis
Commissioner David Hill
Commissioner Vivian Johnson
Commissioner Kelly McCall

Absent: Commissioner Michael Bruz
Chairman Mark Gilliland

Vacancy: Former Chair, Mark Melnychenko

Staff Present: Rose Arballo, Transportation Commission Coordinator
Debra Astin, Transit Planner
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning Director
Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director
Janet Secor, Department Advisor

In the absence of a Chair or Vice-Chair, Commissioner Johnson called the Regular Meeting of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

2. ELECTION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Hill nominated Commissioner Davis for Vice-Chair of the Transportation Commission. No other nominations were made. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4-0.

Commissioner Johnson then turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Davis to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2004

Commissioner McCall moved to approve the Transportation Commission Regular Meeting minutes of May 20, 2004. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4-0.

4. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

5. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Meinhart provided an update on Scottsdale transit projects included in the Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and gave a brief overview of the identified corridors for proposed transit service enhancements.

Mr. Meinhart answered questions from the Commission and explained how part of the City's savings would provide the opportunity to put additional funds into other local transit improvements from projects regionally funded..

Commissioners expressed concern regarding the anticipated starting years for proposed transit service enhancements, specifically the Camelback Road route and the Airpark Passenger Facility. Staff agreed to work with RPTA regarding project timelines.

Staff will also continue to work with the RPTA on hours, days and frequencies of proposed services such as the Bus Rapid Transit corridor in Scottsdale, to assure connection with other communities.

Mr. Meinhart will provide more detailed information on this agenda item at the next Commission meeting.

MR. PORELL REQUESTED THAT AGENDA ITEM #7 BE MOVED TO POSITION #6. VICE-CHAIR DAVIS APPROVED.

6. SHEA BOULEVARD EMERGENCY BARRICADE PLAN

Mr. Porell provided an update on current staff activities to coordinate with the Town of Fountain Hills to develop a Shea Boulevard Emergency Barricade Plan. This plan would implement two-way traffic on one half of Shea Boulevard between 136th Street and Palisades Boulevard at times when a road closure is necessary due to an emergency incident.

Staff is drafting a Memorandum of Understanding that will set forth the basics of the plan and describe the general responsibilities of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. Implementation of the plan will require the cooperation of City Transportation and Police Department staff, and the County Sheriff's office. Staff will be meeting with representatives from the Town of Fountain Hills to review and finalize the plan.

7. BUS SHELTER UPDATE

Staff provided a report on the status of bus shelter construction in various locations of the city to be completed by December 2004.

The Commission asked for the cost of the shelters near 124th Street/Shea. Staff will provide this information in the next Commission packet.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Hill asked for the status of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner; Ms. O'Connor stated the position will be filled by mid July.
- Commissioners asked about cancelling the July and August meetings. Staff indicated those two meetings would be cancelled, and Commissioner Hill commented that an August meeting should be held if pressing agenda items arise. Items for future discussion are: resort trolley, 1/2-cent sales tax extension, and Mountain View traffic calming.
- Discussion took place regarding the reason for the change of location for tonight's meeting and how the public was notified.
- Commissioners appreciated the Chaparral Road update provided by staff in the June 17th Commission packet and asked for clarification of the status of some of the features originally proposed for construction.
- Commissioner McCall questioned the setback on a scenic corridor; staff replied there is a 100-foot setback on scenic corridors.

9. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Ms. O'Connor stated that MAG is seeking speakers for educational activities regarding the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Arballo
Transportation Coordinator